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1. FOR AMBASSADOR AND DCM. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ARTICLE
WHICH APPEARED IN IRAN TIMES ON SEPTEMBER 8:

QUOTE: SENATE PROBES SAVAK IN U.S. THE SENATE FOREIGN
RELATIONS COMMITTEE IS INVESTIGATING A NUMBER OF U.S.
CITIES PLAGUED BY IRANIAN STUDENT TURMOIL TO SEE IF SAVAK
IS STIRRING UP THE TROUBLE, SENATE SOURCES TOLD THE IRAN
TIMES.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, CHAIRED
BY THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT SENATOR GEORGE S. MCGOVERN, IS
LOOKING INTO WHAT SAVAK IS DOING IN THIS COUNTRY, BUT NOT
IRANIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION FINANCING, THE SENATE SOURCES
SAID. THE ISA WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SPENT DOLS 200,000
FOR A RECENT DEMONSTRATION IN WASHINGTON.

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THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE IS ALSO REPORTEDLY
LOOKING INTO SAVAK ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES. BUT
THAT COMMITTEE OPERATES VERY QUIETLY AND RARELY REVEALS
MUCH OF ITS WORK.

THE SENATE SOURCES TOLD THE IRAN TIMES THAT THE

MCGOVERN SUBCOMMITTEE IS "CONSIDERING HEARINGS ON SAVAK OPERATIONS WITHIN U.S. BORDERS.

SUBCOMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE QUESTIONED OFFICIALS IN CHICO, CALIFORNIA, WHERE TWO IRANIAN STUDENTS WERE ACQUITTED IN JULY OF ATTEMPTING TO MURDER A POLITICAL FOE.

THE TWO ACQUITTED, BEHDAD BAHMANOU AND ABOLFAZL GHAMSARI, HAD BEEN LABELLED SAVAK AGENTS BY THE CONFEDERATION OF IRANIAN STUDENTS. THE VICTIM, ABDOLLAH MALEKOSHOARI, IS AN ANTI-SHAH ACTIVIST ATTENDING CHICO STATE UNIVERSITY.

.EN KLASSEN, THE INVESTIGATOR WHO FRAMED THE CASE AGAINST THE ALLEGED PAIR OF SAVAK AGENTS, HE HAS NO SUCH INFORMATION.

THE DEFENSE LAWYERS AND JUDGE IN THE CHICO TRIAL BOTH QUESTIONED WHETHER POLITICAL MOTIVES WERE BEHIND MALEKOSHOARI'S CHARGES THAT BAHMANOU AND GHAMSARI TRIED TO KILL HIM.

DURING THE TRIAL, SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE LUCIAN B. VANDEGRIFT, TOLD PROSECUTOR LEO STEIDLMAYER TO CHECK IF HIS OFFICE WAS BEING "USED AND ABUSED" BY THE ANTI-SHAH WITNESSES FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES.
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PROSECUTOR STEIDLMAYER TOLD THE CHICO ENTERPRISE-RECORD T STREMARK WAS, IRRESPONSIBLE, DARRELL STEVENS, ONE OF THE ATTORNEYS DEFENDING THE PAR OF ACCUSED SAVAK AGENTS, BELIEVES THE VICTIM, MALEK OSHOARI, PROVOKED THE SHOOTING, THEN SAW A CHANCE TO EMBARRASS A POLITICAL ADVERSARY BY PRESSING CHARGES.

"REGARDLESS OF THE POLITICAL ANIMOSITY BACK AND FORTH," STEIDLMAYER SAID, "THIS INCIDENT (THE SHOOTING) DID HAPPEN" AND THE CASE HAD TO GO TO TRIAL FOR THE TRUTH TO COME OUT.

DURING THE TRIAL NUMEROUS DEATH THREATS WERE MADE ON THE DEFENDANTS AND EXTRA SECURITY WAS REQUIRED. PROSECUTOR STEIDLMAYER SAID THE HEAVY SECURITY COSTS COULD LEAD HIS OFFICE TO DROP OTHER PROSECUTIONS INVOLVING IRANIANS.

STEIDLMAYER SAID HE AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY KEN LEACH ARE "CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITIES" OF FILING PERJURY CHARGES AGAINST SOME OF THE ANTI-SHAH WITNESSES,

BUT "IT'S A QUESTION OF HOW MUCH OF THE TAXPAYER' MONEY
THE DEFENSE TEAM OF THREE LAWYERS AND TEN OTHERS WOULD NOT
SAY HOW MUCH THEY CHARGED FOR THEIR WORK. BAHMANOU 'S
LAWYER, STEVENS, SAID HE WAS BEING PAID BY HIS CLIENT
WHOSE FATHER WAS A WEALTHY LAWYER IN IRAN. STEVENS
SAID THE MONEY WAS NOT COMING FROM THE IRANIAN
GOVERNMENT, AS SOME MEMBERS OF THE IRANIAN STUDENTS
ASSOCIATION WHO DEMONSTRATED AT THE TRIAL HAVE CHARGED.

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